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Presidential Commentary

W. Ray Lockwood

I want to again challenge all Central States members to sign up at least one new member during this calendar year. Our membership is indeed growing and we want to continue moving in this direction.

I want to invite ALL Central States members and guests to attend our Fall Show in Dearborn, Michigan, August 24-26, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Show Chairman and CSNS Governor, Don Charters, promises a great show with lots of dealers, exhibits, and the crowds we have witnessed at the famous Thanksgiving weekend show that Michigan State holds in the same hotel.

I want to thank the dealers, exhibitors, members and non-members who have written me personally with compliments on our Indianapolis convention. I am passing on these compliments on to the show workers who really deserve them. We have always been blessed with hard working, dedicated show personnel who truly enjoy working our conventions. This spirit of unselfish volunteerism is what makes our hobby so great and so enjoyable. THANKS to you ALL!

I want to preview our upcoming educational program which will encourage local CSNS member clubs to purchase numismatic literature for schools and libraries in their areas. Governor Marv Mericle has been hard at work putting together a plan whereby clubs can be partially reimbursed for books, magazines and other numismatic materials which they purchase. Central States wants to stress its educational role with this program. Watch for details soon.

I am strongly recommending that all members, junior and adult, consider applying for a CSNS scholarship to attend the ANA Summer Seminar in 2002. These scholarships are worth up to $1,000 and cover such things as seminar registration, housing and transportation. For junior scholarship information and applications, contact CSNS Vice-President, Harry Tileston. Interested adult members should contact CSNS Governor, Don Charters. Their phone numbers and addresses appear elsewhere in *The Centinel.*

Finally, I wish to tip my Presidential hat to our hard-working *Centinel* Editors, Jim and Karen Jach. They continue to turn out an award-winning publication and demonstrate their collective skills in collecting and editing the news. You are reading the latest version of their handiwork! Thanks, Jim & Karen.

See you all at Dearborn in August and in Columbus, Ohio, April 25 -28, 2002.

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A Message from the Secretary

Jerry Lebo

Our biennial election process will begin this fall. Nominations will be accepted during the month of October for the offices of president, vice president, secretary-treasurer and the 10 governors' seats. Nominees will be notified promptly and have only until Nov. 15 to accept. The deadline was changed to Nov. 15 to allow time to publish biographies and/or campaign statements in the winter issue of *The Centinel.*

Another change in the election process allows you to nominate yourself, rather than asking somebody else to do it for you. For more detailed information, see the "Call for Nominations" item elsewhere in this issue.

There also will be a referendum included with the ballot. This involves a proposal to change the office of secretary-treasurer from elective to appointive. I originated the proposal simply because I believe the Board of Governors should decide who holds the office, which at peak time each year manages as much as $250,000. If approved, the office would become appointive in 2004.

Next up is our fall convention at Dearborn, Mich., hosted by the Michigan State Numismatic Society. Although we call it a "fall" convention, the dates are actually in August - the 24th through the 26th to be exact. The August dates were taken to avoid conflict with other shows in the Midwest.

MSNS President Don Charters, who is also a CSNS governor, is heading up the affair. Don reports brisk booth sales for the bourse.

If you are a CSNS bourse dealer, you should take note of the following, as we are making some changes in the bourse application for the 2002 spring anniversary convention.

One change is aimed at strengthening our control over dealer badges. We ran into several instances of individuals wearing dealer badges containing somebody else's name. In one case, a dealer picked up a badge for somebody credentialed to his booth but who decided at the last moment not to attend. The badge was then given to another individual so he could avoid paying the $50 early bird badge fee.

Why make such a fuss over this sort of thing? If you sign a bourse application, you assume responsibility for all the badges and the conduct of the people wearing them. Likewise, the person whose name appears on the badge could find himself accused of something he knows nothing about. This is about protecting you, not about CSNS collecting an extra $50 for an early bird badge.

This same principle also applies to the rule barring individuals without dealer badges from being in a dealer booth.

Incidentally, a couple dealers said CSNS is being greedy by invoking some

of these charges, especially the $25 charge to replace a lost badge and the $25 charge to apply for membership in order to obtain a dealer badge at the convention itself. Frankly, we'd prefer not collecting any of these penalties. We simply want all the paperwork done ahead of time so there are no delays at the dealer registration area.

I must admit I have sympathy in certain cases, but must enforce the rules. For example, let's say dealer A's bourse application also lists dealer B. It turns out dealer B needs to apply for membership to qualify as a badge holder. It's dealer A who is so notified because in all likelihood we don't even have a mailing address for dealer B. Dealer A doesn't bother to inform dealer B, who is then surprised and probably upset to learn of the $25 penalty when he shows up to claim his badge.

These rules are effective beginning with our 2002 spring anniversary convention next April 25-28 in Columbus, Ohio.

Incidentally, we normally mail bourse applications around Labor Day. As the Dearborn convention is late August, we'll have the applications at that show as well as the ANA in Atlanta a few weeks earlier.

Jerry Lebo
Secretary-Treasurer

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In accordance with the bylaws, this is the official call for nomination of candidates for the 2002 election of officers of the Central States Numismatic Society.

Offices up for election are president, vice president, secretary-treasurer and 10 governors.

All nominations shall be made in writing to the Secretary during October. Nominations may be made only by Regular, Associate, or Life members in good standing at the time of submitting the nominations. A member may nominate himself/herself.

The Secretary shall promptly write each nominee notifying him or her of such nomination and requesting his or her written acceptance or refusal thereof, except that a member nominating himself/herself shall be considered to have accepted nomination. A nominee's acceptance must be received by the Secretary on or before November 15th.

No nominee may accept a nomination for more than one elective office in any election. The Legal Counsel and the Editor may not be candidates for Governor. The Secretary shall cause a list of nominations and the actions of the nominees thereon to be published in the last issue of *The Centinel* mailed to the members at least 45 days prior to the first membership meeting of the election year convention.

The Secretary shall obtain and publish in the last mentioned issue a biography, not exceeding 200 words in length, of each nominee who has so accepted a nomination, which biography shall include a record of his or her services to the Society and to numismatics in general.

The Secretary shall cause the names of all such nominees who have so accepted to be printed, in the order of receipt of their acceptances, on official ballots and shall cause one of such ballots to be mailed at least 40 days prior to the first membership meeting of the election year convention to each member in good standing, together with an envelope marked "Official Ballot" and addressed to an accounting firm selected by the secretary. Each envelope shall bear a different number, but the number selected shall be within be the sole discretion of the Secretary. Only Regular, Associate, and Life members shall insert their ballots in said numbered envelope and seal and mail the same. An envelope must be postmarked at least twenty days prior to the date of the first membership meeting of the election year convention in order for the ballot therein to be counted.

Chinese Cowrie Money

by Akio Lis

Before the issuance of metallic coinage, economic transactions often involved the bartering of commodities, or an agreed upon substitute with a known and universally accepted value. One such substitute in China was the cowrie shell, which remain available in many area of the world without access to stable coinage or currency to this very day. The use of cowrie shells in Chinese commercial and governmental transactions can be traced to its pre-history period during the Sheng Dynasty (1765- 1122 BC). During this time, metallurgy was known but not used for the production of a means to facilitate trade. Cowrie shells, however, being rare especially in landlocked areas of China, were an acceptable commercial exchange medium with a fixed value both singly and in groups. The latter were typically transported while attached to strings through holes punched through the centers of the shells.

Cowries would eventually find competition for status as a means of exchange with metal representations of the bartered goods themselves. Although bronze fish did not achieve universal acceptance and therefore longevity, bronze representations of knifes and spades competed with cowries in the more remote regions of China. Knife and Spade coinage would eventually be produced and accepted throughout China.

Just as now, the principle cowries used in trade were the Cypraea moeta (the "money cowrie"), and the Cypraea annulus (the "ring cowrie"). However, there is evidence that at least five different cowries of varying size were accepted and used within the economic system of ancient China. The greatest value was placed on the largest cowrie, the Cypraea testudinaria (the "tortoise cowrie"). In addition, the value of the cowrie was so great that the written symbol for the cowrie became associated with the written Chinese symbols for buying, selling, bartering, and treasure/wealth.

The story of the use of cowrie shells reflects changes in Chinese government and society. When first used as a commercial exchange mechanism, China was nominally an empire, but in actuality a collection of independent minded city-states and regions acknowledging allegiance to an emperor with minimal authority beyond the imperial palace. These regions would eventually seek to develope their own economic and monetary systems dependent on their own resources. This non-conformity would lead to conflict with other powerful states that were trading partners.

During the Shang Dynasty, cowries lost some of their value when the empire expanded eastward to the coast. For a short time, cowries could be easily obtained by trade. However, in Chou Dynasty (1127-221 BC), cowries would

once again become scarce resulting in the production of imitation cowries using a number of different materials.

During the 10th Century BC, "substitute cowries" were made by carving other larger shells into the size and shape of a cowrie, while during the 9th Century BC "substitute cowries" were carved from quartz, bone and stone. Unfortunately these substitutes could be easily counterfeited using a knife, even by the unskilled. The initial trend toward a metal coinage began with the production of "substitute cowries" made by hammering copper into a concave shell with a slit in the center.

By 852 BC, cowrie shells became scarcer. Afterwards, the state of Chu (Hupei and Anhwei) in southeastern China produced bronze imitations of the most popular cowrie size and shape for use in trade. Due to the different Chinese characters used in the two series that were produced they became known to westerners as "ghost face" money (Kuei-lien-ch'ien) and "ant" money (I pi ch'ien). The inscription on the ant money has been translated to be "One ch'u (of the city) of Lo", while that of the ghost face money has been interpreted to mean either "pei" for cowrie or "chi" for small. The order for the production of these coins has been purported to have been issued by the Prime Minister of the King of Tsu.

After the "Warring States" period (460-221BC), China was once again united under a single Emperor originally from the state of Ch'in (Qin). This emperor standardized all units within the empire including the exchange media. Since, the state of Ch'in had developed round bronze coinage, it became the standard within China. The cowrie, and other traditional forms of exchange, would be reinstituted during the reign of the usurper Wang Mang (8-25AD). This complex monetary system did not achieve favor with the populace resulting in its final demise with the re-establishment of the Han Dynasty in 25AD.

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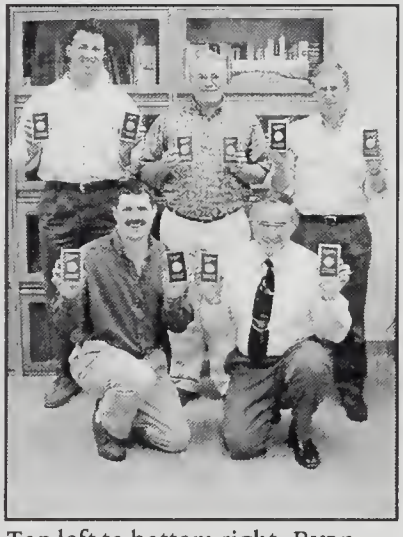

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The Metis: A Forgoffen Chapter in Dakota Territorial History

by Doug Andrews

They came in search of roaming buffalo, they forged an uneasy relationship with business and political leaders, and they gradually disappeared from sight as the buffalo herds migrated farther west. They were the Metis of the Dakota Territory, and they left a fascinating and colorful mark on its prairie past. Their enigmatic leader and several important facets of Metis life are commemorated numismatically.

1983 North Dakota Souvenir Dollar struck in copper-nickel. Obverse shows the Old State Capital building and a bust of North Dakota's first governor, John Miller. The reverse proudly displays a large bison. Popularly referred to as "buffalo," they were the focal point of the Metis' livelihood and cultural development.

While Dakota had achieved territorial status in 1861, its total population was a mere 4837 in the United States Census completed one year earlier. Put in perspective, this modest figure appears to be even smaller when it is realized that the Dakota Territory then included the present day states of North and South Dakota and portions of neighboring Nebraska and Montana. The great influx of German and Scandinavian settlers who opened up the region as a gateway to the West arrived later, in the decades following 1880.

Two of the larger centers in the northern plains were St. Paul, Minnesota and the Red River Settlement, where Winnipeg, Manitoba now stands. The areas in northeastern Dakota located strategically on the route between these two towns attracted the hearty buffalo hunters most frequently of mixed French and aboriginal ancestry who became known as Metis (pronounced MAY-tee). They were descendants of the male fur-traders of the early eighteenth century and native women, and the Metis retained elements of the languages and cultures of both groups. The Metis economy focused on the buffalo, and they traded hides and pemmican from their spring and fall hunts for tools, guns, and other manufactured goods, controlling much of the commerce in the upper Red River valley.

Standing portrait of Louis Riel, courtesy of the Pembina State Museum, Pembina, ND.

The annual buffalo hunt saw the Metis leave their homes for the trek westward as they followed the herds. The village of St. Joseph, located 30 miles west of Pembina, North Dakota became the center of Metis community, economic and cultural activity in the Territory. French-Canadian missionary, Father Georges Belcourt, founded it in 1848, and the town took its name from the church he built there.

St. Joseph was renamed Walhalla in 1871, and a state historical marker located a short distance off its main street commemorates the founding of the community. As the hamlet grew, a trading post was established next to the home of Antoine Gingras. It developed into a vibrant business enterprise, attracting settlers and Indians, as well as his fellow Metis engaged in buffalo hunting and, to a lesser extent, in trapping.

Some one and a half miles northeast of that community stands the Gingras Trading Post State Historic Site, which preserves its exceptional buildings much as they appeared in the 1860s. Located on a bluff with a beautiful view of the hills and the Pembina valley, the red, one-story house has been restored to reflect the simple, utilitarian needs of the frontier, and today features displays on the buffalo hunt, the Metis people, and Gingras. The trading post, a rough-hewn log structure located a short distance away, is a vivid reminder of the rugged conditions that existed on the desolate, wind-swept northern plains.

1980 Regina (Saskatchewan) Trade Dollar. Bust of Riel surmounted by the legend "Metis Leader." Motto beneath portrait states: "Louis Riel Leads Metis During North West Rebellion."

Antoine Gingras was a leader in public as well as business affairs. Serving in the Minnesota Territorial legislature from 1851 to 1858 (before the area was incorporated into Dakota), he was reputed to be the wealthiest man in the region, and fathered twelve children.

St. Joseph figured prominently in the dramatic events unfolding after the Manitoba Rebellion in 1869-1870. Metis leader Louis Riel defiantly declared himself president of a provisional government over the "Metis nation," on December 27, 1869, provoking the Canadian Parliament to charge him with treason and declare him a fugitive from justice.

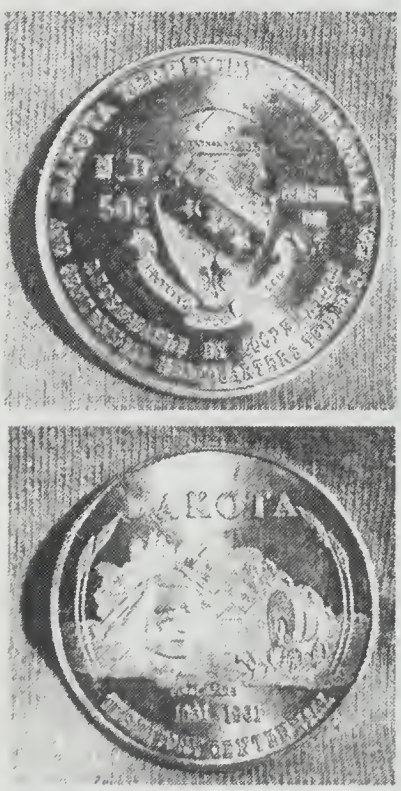
Riel sought refuge with his friends, the Gingrases, on and off throughout the 1870s. When he was formally exiled to the United States for five years, St. Joseph, Dakota Territory became Riel's point of departure on his many clan-

destine "visits" to agitate on behalf of his people in Manitoba. As a brash young rebel, Riel captured the imagination of the press as far away as St. Paul, St. Louis, and New York, and reporting and editorializing elevated the Gingras' "house guest" to the status of a folk hero.

An exhibit dedicated to the Dakota Territory Metis in the State Museum, in Pembina, North Dakota displays a letter written by Riel to the head of one of the county's pioneer families. It reveals the power and passion for the Metis cause that Riel held, which he was eager to express even in an attempt to sway a detractor:

Portrait of Antoine Gingras, the industrious owner of the Gingras Trading Post, located outside the town of Walhalla, ND, which was then known as St. Joseph.

"Today, I plead and desire to have the Metis accepted and given their rights. My personal ambition is a thing not in my heart, and if I am capable of doing something, it will be for the good of all. I do not ask for a reward, but only for that support and sustenance to be for all Metis. I am and will be, always, the sincere friend of my countrymen. Louis Riel." (Excerpts from a letter to William Dease dated February 15, 1870, translated from French)



1961 Dakota Territory Centennial 50 cent token struck in brass. Obverse features portrait of Chief Four Bears of the Mandan tribe (1795-1837). The arrowhead design on the reverse includes a large fleur-de-lis (lily), symbolic of North Dakota's French - Metis heritage.

The Metis also frequented Pembina, on the northern frontier of the Dakota Territory next to the Red River, where they came into regular contact with another influential newcomer named Enos Stutsman. A lawyer, and a native of Indiana who arrived in Pembina from Sioux City and Yankton, he had already amassed a considerable fortune in real estate. Stutsman was elected to several terms as a member of the Dakota Territorial Council, and served as its President from 1862 to 1865.

Stutsman also served as a State Department agent keeping Washington apprised of developments in rapidly-growing Manitoba to the north. His contacts with the Metis community in both the Dakota Territory and in Winnipeg allowed him to quietly monitor the status of Riel's rebellion. He suggested to the State Department that supporting the Metis cause could be used to counteract growing Cana-

dian influence in the "Northwest Territories," and to facilitate American expansion there.

In November 1869, in the midst of the Red River Rebellion, he reported to President Ulysses S. Grant, "I would be deficient in my duty if I did not call to your attention the situation that exists in this part of North America and the opportunity it offers for instant and decisive action on the part of the United States..." Grant lacked Stutsman's enthusiasm for annexation and intrigue, and the forty-ninth parallel laying just north of Pembina and St. Joseph was confirmed as the international boundary extending from the Pacific Ocean almost to the Great Lakes.

Despite Grant's rejection, Stutsman's growing relationship with the Metis directly allowed him to build on his reputation as a leader in Dakota, and extend his wealth and power well beyond Pembina.

1964 North Dakota Statehood Diamond Jubilee Souvenir Half Dollar. Entered union on November 2, 1889. Depicts state map showing river system, and family of early sefflers.

The impetuous Stutsman seized every available opportunity to encourage Riel to advance his revolt against the Canadian govemment. The two, despite having tremendous egos, got along well together, and Stutsman became an advisor to the Metis leader. The first four sections in the Metis Bill of Rights, which became enshrined in the Manitoba Act bringing the Red River Settlement into Canadian confederation, reflect language Stutsman had earlier used in articles published by a St. Paul newspaper.

But despite these ties between the Metis and the settlers, significant changes

The restored house and store-warehouse which comprised the Gingras Trading Post. These two buildings are the oldest structures built by Euro Americans in North Dakota. The site was listed in the National Register of Historical Places in 1975.

in the course of the Dakota Territory's economic development doomed the Metis buffalo hunting and semi-nomadic lifestyle there. Railroads and relentless western expansion brought large numbers of farmers and new immigrants, forcing the buffalo herds and the Metis who depended on them for their livelihood farther and farther west toward the upper Missouri River valley.

Over the span of fewer than ten years, many of the Metis from the Dakota Territory abandoned their hornesteads and their threatened livelihoods, joining others heading west. They leave behind a legacy of trading and tradition reflected today in North Dakota's place names such as Bottineau, Souris, and Belcourt, and in the lonely Gingras Trading Post that comprise the oldest standing structures built by Euro-Americans in North Dakota.

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Germany Prepares to Adopt the Euro

by Edmund L. Andrews (New York Times News Service)

FRANKFURT, May 4 - With eight months left before most European countries switch from their old national currencies to euro bills and coins, Germany's central bank is worried about being flooded with 100,000 tons of old marks and pfennigs.

In a heavy advertising campaign that begins on Saturday, the usually austere Bundesbank has hired the host of Germany's version of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" to cajole citizens into turning in their coins sooner rather than later. The message, on television and in newspapers, will be that people should start now to clear out all coins that have accumulated in piggy banks, sock drawers, ashtrays and countless forgotten household corners.

"Imagine, if you can, 100,000 tons of coins," said Peter Walter, director of the Bundesbank's logistical effort to introduce the euro. "The biggest logistical problem is not really the new currency. The biggest logistical problem is managing the collection and storage of the old currency."

Officials say up to eight billion coins may be sitting around as idle and uncirculated spare change. Even though the new euro coins and bills will not be publicly available until January, officials are hoping to collect much of what they call "sleeping coins" before the real money-changing crunch begins next year.

The coin campaign is just one aspect of the challenges posed by the introduction of the euro as a tangible currency. Thus far, the euro has only existed in an abstract form. Euros can be used in electronic payments and in bookkeeping, and they have to be used on European stock exchanges, as well as in transactions among banks.

Euro bills and coins will enter circulation in January, and the old currencies will cease being legal tender by the end of March. Current plans call for producing 15 billion euro notes and 50 billion new coins across Europe. Each of the 12 countries adopting the euro will print its own images on the reverse of the coins and bills it produces. But the money still has to work in vending machines and ticket dispensers across the continent.

As the day of reckoning approaches, Europeans are starting to worry about all kinds of potential problems. In Amsterdam, the main train station conducted a study that found that the lines at ticket counters could become 10 times as long as present rush hour lines if vendors are not prepared to deal with guilders and euros at the same time.

In France, executives at a supermarket chain, cobiL' Clerccobi have warned that the introduction of euros will lead to huge problems unless stores are allowed to start stockpiling the currency early.

Yet some of the most daunting challenges lie in the sheer physical volume of cash involved. The new coins alone will weigh 250,000 tones, and they will have to be stockpiled in warehouses and vaults around Europe at the same time as the old money is being collected. The old money probably entails even bigger volumes, because it includes huge sums that have been sitting idle for years.

Across Europe, central banks have set up temporary warehouses to hold both old and new currencies. The Dutch Central Bank built a storage area 50 miles outside Amsterdam with an interior space equal to two soccer fields. In Germany, regional branches of the Bundesbank have rented dozens of buildings, including parking garages and dormant military bunkers. Because a single crate of coins weighs 1,500 pounds, officials have had to be careful that accumulated loads do not crash through floors. The old coins will eventually be melted down. No decision has been made about how to dispose of the old bills.

With all that in mind, the Bundesbank plans to advertise heavily on television and in newspapers to involve people now. The campaign is centered on Gunther Jauch, a popular German television personality who is host of "Wer Wird Millionar?" the local version of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" The ads, which encourage people to deliver their Schlafmunzen, or "sleeping coins," are meant as a wake-up call to sleepy citizens. In one television spot, Mr. Jauch tries to dispose of his old coins by playing the slot machine in a tavern – only to win and find himself deluged with yet more coins. In another commercial, he appeals to children to prod their parents to take coins to their banks.

Executives at the advertising agency that developed the campaign said their goal was to make sure that every German television viewer saw the ads about 18 times in the next month.

The campaign is hardly the only one aimed at supporting the euro. The European Central Bank will begin a publicity blitz in the fall with the terse slogan, "The euro, your money." Individual countries are preparing their own campaigns, most aimed at cheering on the new currency and alerting people about the adjustments that they will have to make. But many Germans may be less than enthusiastic. Because the euro has slumped almost continuously against the dollar since it was adopted in January 1999, recent polls show that people are increasingly unhappy about trading in their reliable marks for untested euros.

The reality is that in economic terms, countries have already abandoned their old currencies. The individual national currencies are now lashed together under a single monetary system, their values locked in an unchanging relationship to the value of the euro. The president of the Bundesbank, Ernst Welteke, predicted that Germans would come to accept the reality.

"I do think Germans have a special love for the mark," Mr. Welteke said today. "But I do not think they have a special love for their coins."

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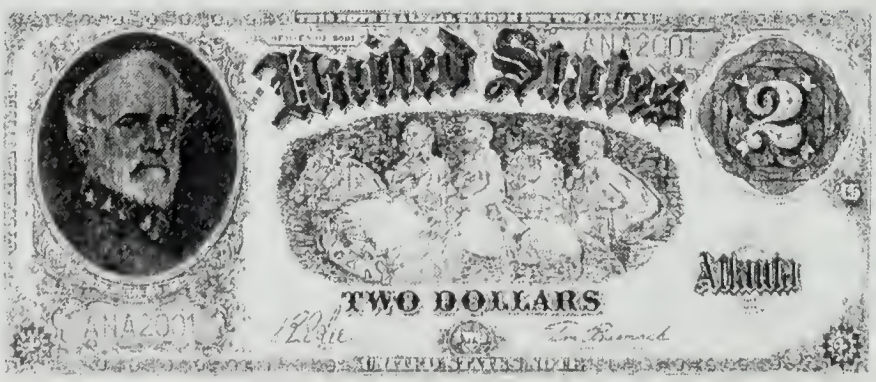

Club News

INDIAN HILL COIN CLUB

The Indian Hill Coin Club (Lake County, Illinois) has issued an elongated wooden nickel for its 2001 annual coin show. The show will be held on Sunday October 28, 2001 at the American Legion Post 771 in Gurnee, Illinois. Also available at the show will be wooden nickel "wampums" for 50¢ each, which can be used for $1.00 in trade or purchase at dealers' tables at the show or at any of the Club's meetings.

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IOWA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The 63rd Iowa Numismatic Association convention, auction and coin show will be held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on October 13 & 14, 2001. It will be hosted by the Iowa Numismatic Assoc. and the Cedar Rapids Coin Club.

The Sheraton Four Points Hotel, 525 33rd Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 will be the sight for all events. The bourse will have 48 tables with dealers coming from several states. Show hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Saturday will have several educational programs and demonstrations. Some of these will be Jim Casper striking coins by hand, Steve Feller's talk on Algona, Iowa's prisoner of war camp and WWII paper money, Brian Silliman's grading presentation, and Jack Glass' presentation on Iowa trade tokens. The INA & ANA will also have some exhibits on display.

In an effort to help support the Cedar Rapids Coin Club an UNC 2001 $10 platinum eagle, UNC $5 gold eagle, UNC Iowa commemorative half, and a

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2000 silver proof set will be raffled off. The drawing will be 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. The winner does not have to be present to win.

Saturday evening an auction will start at 6:30 with Christopher's Rare Coins, 3427 Merle Hay Rd., Des Moines, IA 50301 providing the material. Call 1-800-701-3123 for more info or a catalog.

Sunday will start with a 7:00 a.m. church service followed by a breakfast buffet with Brian Silliman as guest speaker. During the bourse hours of 9 to 4 there will be numerous video programs available to the public.

Admission to all events is free and plenty of free parking is also available. More information may be obtained by writing to: Connie Stewart - show chair, Cedar Rapids Coin Club, Box 2277, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406. Dealers interested in tables may call Nevin Roberts - bourse chair, 319-377-6974.

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Seminar classes will be held at the Heartland Inn, 3315 Southgate Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids, Ia. The instructors are Brian A. Silliman, ANA authenticator and professional numismatist, assisted by Brian Fanton, professional numismatist and ANA seminar instructor. A certificate of completion will be issued at the end of the seminar upon completion of all four sessions.

The class size is limited to 25 people and will run from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. each day with dinner included in the cost. The cost is $150.00 per ANA member and $180.00 for each non-member (ANA membership is included in the $180 fee, special rates for juniors or people over 65). This Seminar costs $450 at the ANA convention and $550 at the Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs.

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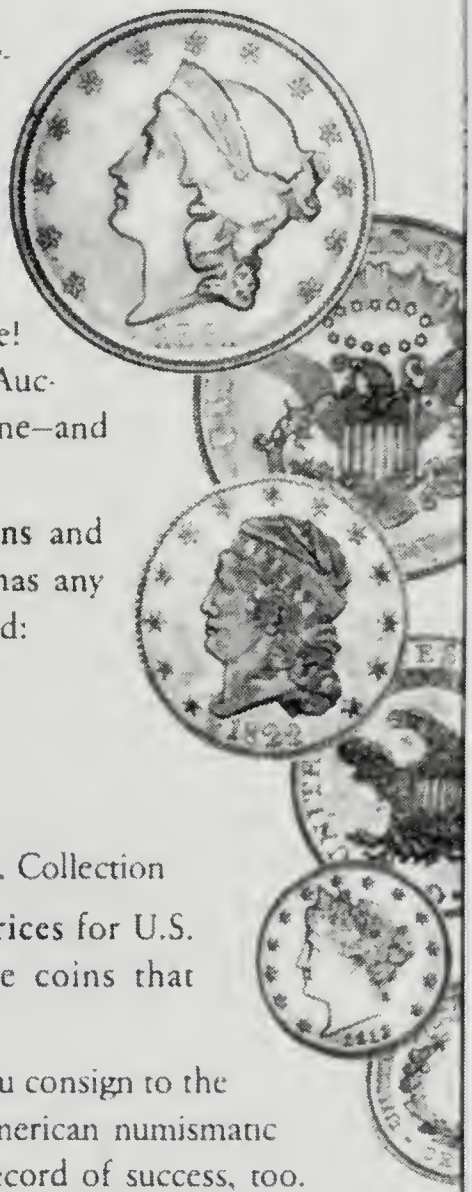

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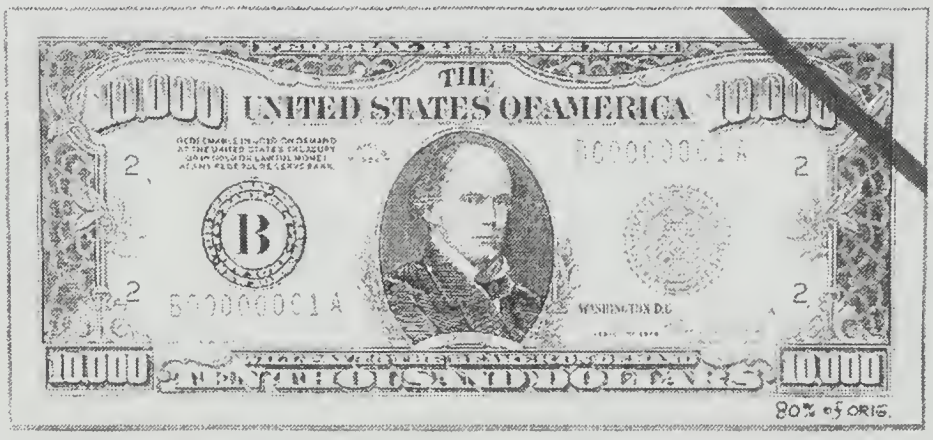

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A free booklet about the cleaning and conservation of coins now is available to collectors. It was jointly produced by three of the largest rare coin certification services and two non-profit numismatic trade organizations to answer questions about the sometimes perplexing topic of "cleaning."

The 12-page booklet, "*The Conservation Of Coins*," is a direct result of Summit 2000, a two-day conference organized by the Professional Numismatists Guild (PNG) and the Industry Council for Tangible Assets (ICTA), and conducted in Scottsdale, Arizona last December.

"One of the first tangible accomplishments of the conference is production of this educational pamphlet for collectors and dealers to clear up misconceptions and misunderstandings about coin cleaning and restoration," said PNG Executive Director Robert Brueggeman.

Under a committee chaired by Mark Salzberg, Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) President, the pamphlet is a cooperative effort by PNG, ICTA and three of the major coin grading and authentication services: Independent Coin Grading Company (ICG), NGC, and Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS).

"This is a precedent-setting booklet that arose from a precedent-setting conference that examined crucial issues facing dealers and collectors. One of the biggest issues is also one of the least understood areas of numismatics, and that's the restoration of coins," Brueggeman explained.

The booklet points out that "numismatics is nearly the only field in which the 'cleaning' of objects is still perceived as taboo." However, restoration of art works, antique furniture and other items is viewed by the collecting and museum community "as not only natural but quite desirable."

The illustrated booklet emphasizes coin "cleaning is not exclusively a bad thing," but there is a huge difference between responsible, professional conservation and "harsh and unskilled cleaning of coins that harms their appearance and makes them unappealing."

The introduction to the booklet states: "The widespread confusion that exists over the distinction between undesirable cleaning versus proper conservation has alarmed many coin enthusiasts. It is hoped that this booklet will serve to clarify that distinction and permit both collectors and dealers alike to trade coins in an atmosphere of confidence."

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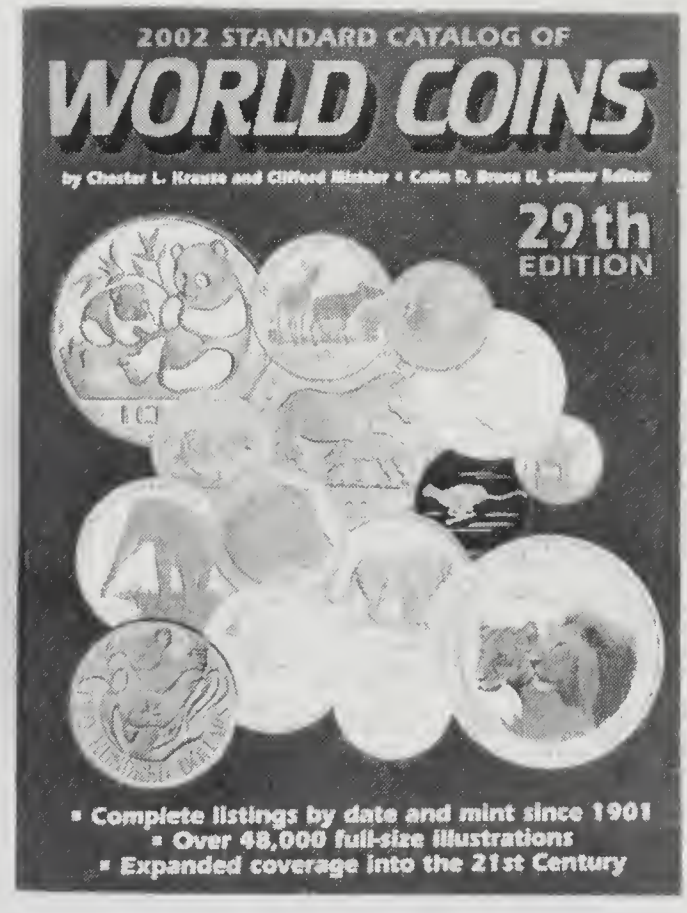
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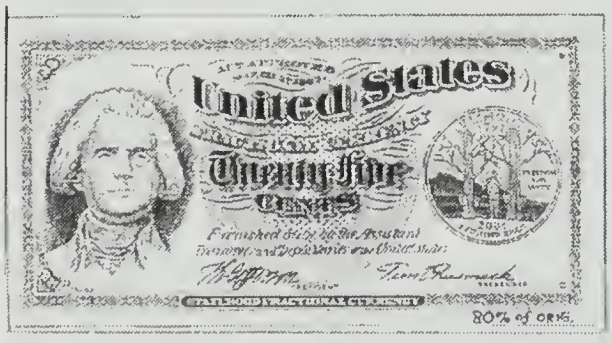

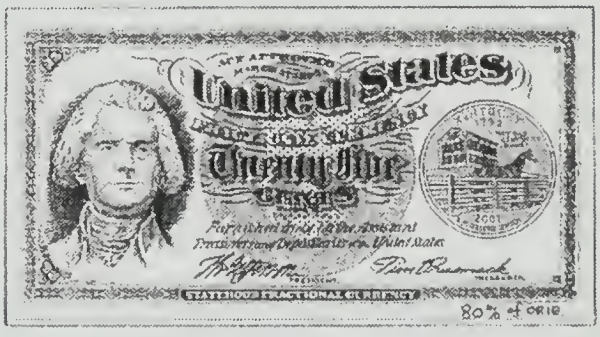

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Show Calendar

Show Chairmen are invited to send announcements of upcoming coin shows in the Central States region. The Show Calendar is intended to assist collectors and dealers in planning their show attendance. It is also designed to aid show sponsors in avoiding date conflicts. Show dates should be sent 6 to 12 months in advance. Please include the city where the show will be held, official name of the show, show dates and location, as well as the name, address and phone number of the show or bourse chairman. Send to Karen Jach, P. O. Box 210766, Milwaukee, WI 53221.

2001 SHOW CALENDAR

Dearborn, Michigan - August 24-26

Central States Numismatic Society's Fall Convention hosted by Michigan State Numismatic Society, Hyatt Regency Hotel, One Fairlane Drive, Dearborn, MI. Don Charters, P.O. Box 16231, Lansing, MI 48901. 517 349-0799

Columbus, Ohio - August 31 - September 2

Ohio State Coin Show hosted by CNS/COINS, Columbus Marriott North, 6500 Doubletree Ave., Columbus, OH 43229. Evan Brill, Box 182, 4719 Reed Rd., Columbus, OH 43220. 614-451-5055

Omaha, Nebraska - September 1-2

NATCA Token and Medal Show, Holiday Inn Convention Center Ford Hall, Interstate 80 & 72nd St., Omaha, NE. Chuck Berger, P.O. Box 82, Omaha, NE 68101. 401-571-5758

Milwaukee, Wisconsin - September 13-15

Milwaukee Numismatic Society's Annual Coin Show, Four Points Hotel, 4747 S. Howell Ave., Milwaukee, WI. Dave Hunsicker, 248 S. 7th Avenue, West Bend, WI 53095. 262-338-6064

Cincinnati, Ohio - September 21-23

18th Annual Greater Cincinnati Numismatic Exposition, Sharonville Convention Center, I-75 Exit #15, in Northern Cincinnati. Paul Padget, 7641 Reinhold Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45237. 513-821-2143

Jeffersonville, Indiana - October 5-7

Kentucky State Numismatic Society's 41st Annual Coin Show hosted by the Louisville Coin Club, Ramada Inn Riverside, 700 W. Riverside Drive, Jeffersonville, IN 47130. Jim Miller, 2004 Culbertson Ave., New Albany, IN 47150. 812-944-8248

Show Calendar

Brooklyn Center, Minnesota - October 12-14

Minnesota Organization of Numismatists Annual Coin Show, Earle Brown Heritage Center, 6155 Earle Brown Drive, Brooklyn Center, MN. Jay Darby, 3628 6th St. NW, Rochester, MN 55901. 507-289-5280

Cedar Rapids, Iowa - October 13-14

63rd Annual Cedar Rapids Iowa Numismatic Association Convention hosted by Cedar Rapids Iowa Coin Club, Sheraton Four Points Hotel, 525 33rd Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Nevin Roberts 319-377-6974

Orland Park, Illinois - October 14

Oak Forest Coin Club 21st Annual Coin Show, Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park, IL. Michael Doran, P.O. Box 15, Bradley, IL 60915. 815-937-4409

Lenexa, Kansas - October 20-21

33rd Annual Johnson County Numismatic Society Coin Show, Lenexa Community Center, I-35 and 95th Street, Lenexa, KS. Mark McWherter, 1107 E. Northview St., Olathe, KS 66061. 913-764-0386

Rochester, Minnesota - October 21

Annual Fall Southern Minnesota Coin & Stamp Show hosted by the Rochester Area Coin Club, Radisson Plaza Hotel, 150 S. Broadway St., Rochester MN. Jerry Swanson, P.O. Box 565, Rochester, MN 55903.

Ottumwa, Iowa - October 27-28

Ottumwa Coin Club Fall Show, K.C. Hall, 123 West 3rd Street, Ottumwa, Iowa 51501. Roger Wolver, 641-673-6677

Elgin, Illinois - October 28

Elgin Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Elgin VFW Post 1307, 1601 Weld Road, Elgin, IL. Don Cerny 847-888-1449

Gurnee, Illinois - October 28

Indian Hill Coin Club (Lake County, Illinois), American Legion Post 771, Gurnee, IL.

Indianapolis, Indiana - November 2-3

Indiana State Numismatic Association's 43rd Annual Coin Show, The Indianapolis Marriott, 7202 East 21st Street, Indianapolis, IN. Joyce Fischer, P.O. Box 2624, Anderson, IN 46018. 765-649-0253

Show Calendar

Kalamazoo, Michigan - November 3

Kalamazoo Numismatic Club annual coin show, Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, County Center Building, Room E, 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo, MI. Ron Hale, 4096 102nd Ave., Allegan, MI 49010. 616-521-6122

Des Moines, Iowa - November 4

Des Moines Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Holiday Inn Downtown, 1050 6th Ave., Des Moines, IA 50314. Chris Seuntjens, 3427 Merle Hay Rd., Des Moines, IA 50310. 515-251-4031

2002 SHOW CALENDAR

Muncie, Indiana - January 20

Muncie Coin & Stamp Club 44th Annual Show, Horizon Convention Center, 401 South High Street, Muncie, Indiana. Ray Saylor, 1308 S. Ribble Ave., Muncie, IN 47302-3730.

Brooklyn Center, Minnesota - March 15-18

68th Annual Northwest Coin Show, Earle Brown Heritage Center, 6155 Earle Brown Center, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430. Lee Quast, Box 1301, High Ridge, MO. 314-276-1162

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Ph. 502-244-2555

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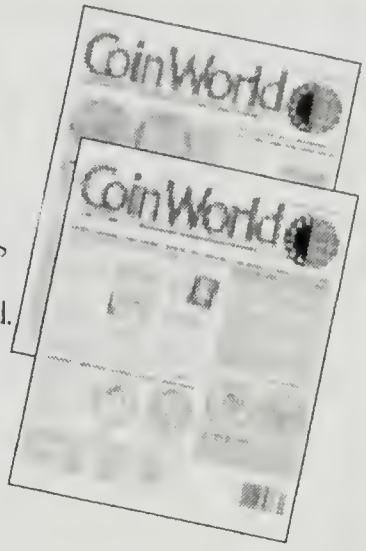

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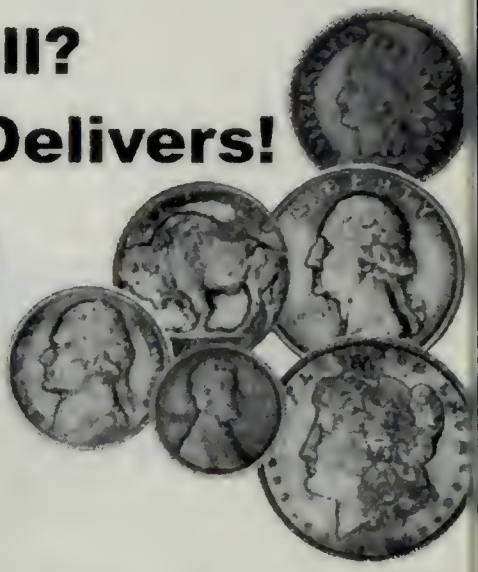

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